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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED 04/25/2012

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Ritchie, LCDP, **President**, Presiding Daniel Cooper, LPCMH, **Vice President** Ruth Banta, Public Member, **Secretary** Daniel Cherneski, LMFT Mary Davis, LCDP Robert Doyle, Public Member Gregg Drevno, LPCMH Tracey Frazier, LCDP (12:18 p.m. – 1:06 p.m.) Joan McDonough, Public Member Julius Mullen, LPCMH Dr. William Northey, LMFT Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tracy Hansen, LMFT

#### ALSO PRESENT

Kristin Gibbons, Hearing Officer
Wade Jones
Mary Kay
Britny Poore
Clara Sills
Sylvester Sills
Sophia Sills-Tailor
Faith Whittington, Delaware Professional Counselors Association

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Ritchie called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

Mr. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to amend the agenda to include the signing of the Order from the Rules and Regulations Public Hearing Held on January 25, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

#### MHCDP Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2012

The Board reviewed the February 22, 2012 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **UNFINSHED BUSINESS**

## Recommendations from the Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey reported to the Board that the Legislative Committee recommends that the Board accept the proposed statutory language which would change the current statute to a practice act. The proposed language was circulated for the Board to review and stated the following:

No person shall engage in the practice of mental health, chemical dependency, or marriage and family counseling/therapy or hold himself or herself out to the public in the State as being qualified to practice same. It shall be unlawful for a person who is not licensed under this chapter, or the person's employer, employees, agents or representative, to use, in connection with the person's name or business, any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying directly that the person is licensed under this chapter.

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the proposed language and move forward with the legislative process. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Northey also informed the Board that the Legislative Committee is preparing proposed guidelines for supervisors and intends to have the proposed draft completed for the Board to review during their April meeting. The Legislative Committee will also create a sample supervision contract for supervisors and associate counselors to use as a guide.

#### Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Sophia Sills-Tailor

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application and supplemental documentation for Sophia Sills-Tailor. Mr. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve Ms. Sills-Tailor's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Motion carried with Dr. Northey opposed.

## Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Catherine Black

The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by Ms. Black clarifying that she is applying by reciprocity from Pennsylvania. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve Ms. Black's application contingent upon receipt of the official licensure verification from Pennsylvania. Motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Michelle Kery

The Board reviewed Michelle Kery's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Shonetesha Quail

The Board reviewed Shonetesha Quail's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Nancy Ward

The Board reviewed Nancy Ward's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to **propose to deny** the application, based upon the documentation submitted reflecting that she obtained her experience in a school setting; the Board has previously set a precedence that the school setting, is not a clinical mental health setting (with the exception of wellness centers). Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Catherine Evans

The Board reviewed Catherine Evans' application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Application for LACMH Licensure – Shanett Hynson

The Board reviewed Shanett Hynson's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Stacy Bania

The Board reviewed Stacy Bania's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Erin Barker

The Board reviewed Erin Barker's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Raymond Copp

The Board reviewed Raymond Copp's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Alberta Crowley

The Board reviewed Alberta Crowley's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Wade Jones

The Board reviewed Wade Jones' application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application **contingent** upon receipt of a

corrected supervisory reference form (in regards to numbers 9, 10 and 11). Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Harry Weaver

The Board reviewed Harry Weaver's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Application for MFT Licensure by Reciprocity – BettyAnne Lex

The Board reviewed BettyAnne Lex's application for MFT licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from Delaware Hospice

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the following CE activities for Delaware Hospice as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

"Rising from the Ashes: From Trauma to Triumph" (6.5 hours) "When a Child Dies" (6.0 hours)

#### Correspondence

#### Review Correspondence from Julie Donahue Regarding Continuing Education

The Board reviewed correspondence from Julie Donahue requesting clarification of acceptable face to face supervision. Ms. Donahue was inquiring if internet tele-classes (audio and video) would be considered acceptable face to face supervision. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to advise Ms. Donahue that tele-classes are not to be considered acceptable face to face continuing education. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review Correspondence from Megan Mantzavinos, Esq. Requesting Reconsideration of Richard Brousell's Previous Request to Lift Suspension

The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by Ms. Mantzavinos requesting reconsideration of Richard Brousell's previous request to lift his suspension. The Board reviewed documentation submitted by Mr. Brousell and Dr. Hagelin, as well as the signed consent agreement.

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to deny Mr. Brousell's request for reinstatement at this time. The Board is concerned with Mr. Brousell's repeated pattern of behavior. There is little evidence in the psychiatrist's reports that his issues have been addressed, that he has taken responsibility for his actions, realizes his depth of harm, or acknowledges his mistakes and triggers. Motion unanimously carried.

## Other Business (for discussion only)

Ms. Ritchie asked for the Board members' thoughts regarding licensees being required to self-report if they sought treatment for an addiction. The Board discussed the various options, such as the voluntary treatment option program, mandatory duty to report, etc. It was determined that the individual who was in the situation Ms. Ritchie described, would not be required to self report.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that their previous decision to begin the April 25, 2012 meeting at 11:00 a.m. is no longer necessary; the board will meet at their regularly scheduled time.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2012, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist II